



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tsutomu NIWA

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For: GAME MACHINE

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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, to read as follows:

There has so far been provided a slot machine which is among those types of the game machine. The slot machines as described above are well known in the art. In general, such a known slot machine comprises a front panel, and three rotation reels juxtaposed in the rear side of the front panel and rotatably supported on the body of the slot machine. Each of the rotation reels has a peripheral surface having thereon various kinds of symbol marks arranged in a row at